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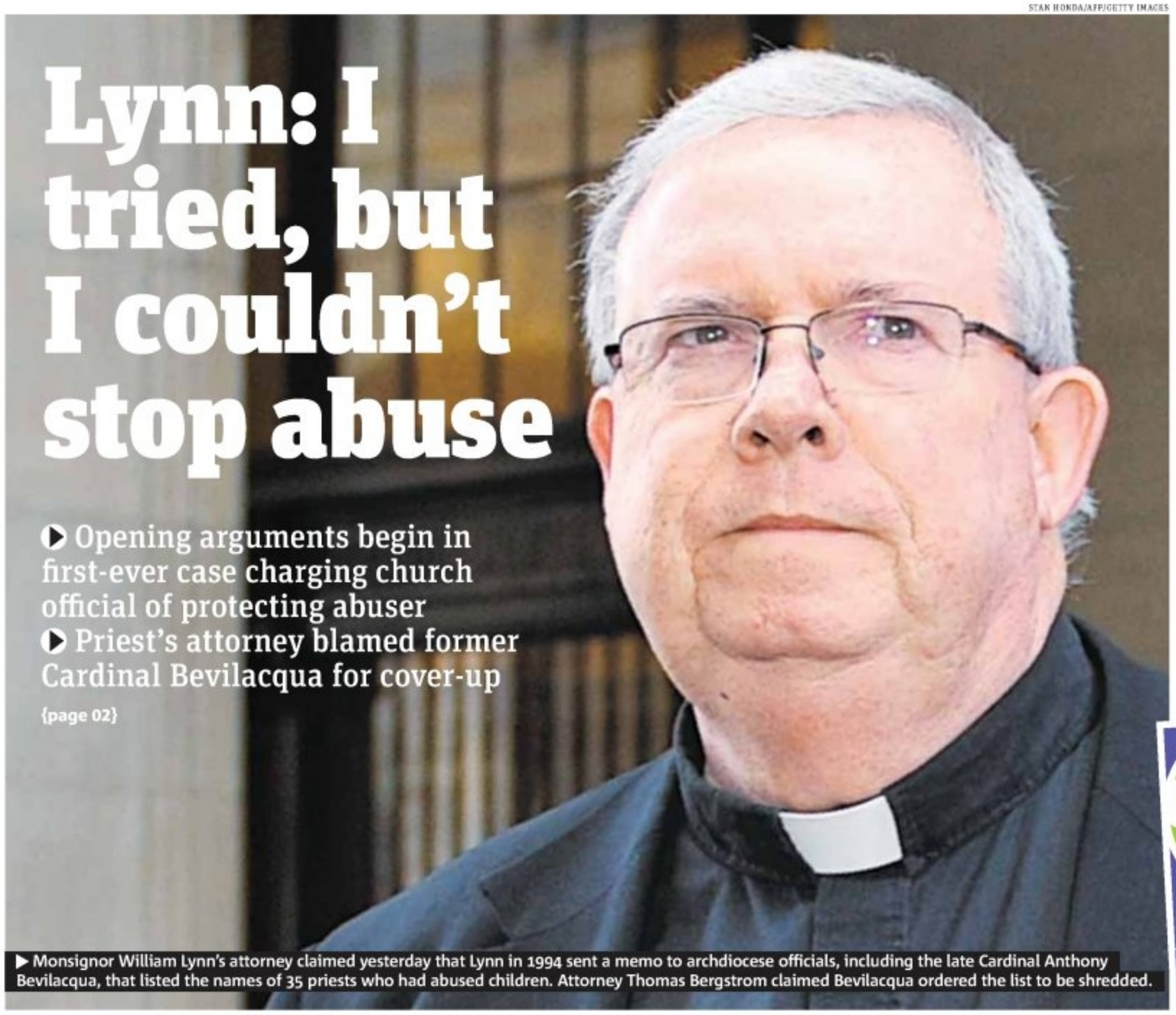

Lynn: I tried, but I couldn't stop abuse

- Opening arguments begin in first-ever case charging church official of protecting abuser
- Priest's attorney blamed former Cardinal Bevilacqua for cover-up

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▶ Monsignor William Lynn's attorney claimed yesterday that Lynn in 1994 sent a memo to archdiocese officials, including the late Cardinal Anthony Bevilacqua, that listed the names of 35 priests who had abused children. Attorney Thomas Bergstrom claimed Bevilacqua ordered the list to be shredded.

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Gaffe-gate '12: Obama, rivals test press bias

- President overheard telling world leader more 'flexibility' after Nov. elections
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Girl killed in crash ID'd

Police have identified the young girl killed Sunday when a drunk driver allegedly ran a red light at Eighth Street and Washington Avenue, T-boning an SUV and causing it to drive through a nearby seafood stand. Samantha Nguyen-Ortanez, 11, of Sicklerville, N.J., died at the scene. Max Drosi, 28, of Miami, is charged with homicide by vehicle and DUI for allegedly causing the fatal crash. METRO/AW

In the news

Unusual DUI

A Chester County man is charged with a DUI after flipping his John Deere riding mower while driving to a friend's house, The Delaware County Times reported yesterday. David Brisbow, 57, of Elk Township, was allegedly driving his John Deer lawnmower on Baron Road shortly before 6:30 p.m. Friday when he crashed, according to the report. METRO/AW

Festival. Cherry blossom

▶ A participant in the opening of the annual cherry blossom festival danced in Love Park yesterday.

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Cherry blossom festival kicks off in Center City park

The 15th annual Subaru Cherry Blossom Festival kicked off at LOVE Park yesterday. Mayor Michael Nutter participated in a sake barrel-breaking ceremony, an ancient Japanese ritual the signifies a new beginning. It honors traditional Japanese culture, with activities ranging from a Harajuku fashion show and Prettiest in Pink Pet Contest to traditional food, dance and theater. METRO/AW

Lynn 'kept faithful in the dark,' prosecutor argues

In opening of landmark case, prosecutor argues Philadelphia Archdiocese official covered up for church ◗ Monsignor William Lynn, his attorney claims, tried to prevent further abuse, but couldn't

Defense attorneys for the former archdiocese official accused of covering up sex abuse by priests claimed yesterday that he tried to stop the abuse but had his efforts rebuffed by higher authorities.

Monsignor William Lynn is on trial with Rev. James Brennan following charges by a grand jury last year. Lynn is the first Roman Catholic official in the U.S. charged with trying to

cover up the molestation of children by priests. Brennan, two other priests and a lay teacher were each charged with abusing a boy. One of the accused priests, Edward Avery, pleaded guilty last week.

In opening arguments, prosecutors claimed Lynn was more interested in shielding the church from scandal than protecting children. "You can't protect the church without keeping the allegations in the dark," said Assistant District Attorney Jacqueline Coelho. "He kept the parishioners in the dark and he kept the faithful in the dark."

Lynn's lead defense attorney, Thomas Bergstrom, insisted that as secretary of clergy, Lynn did what he could to stop the alleged abuse.

"Monsignor Lynn knows that [sexually abusing children] is awful. I think the evidence in this case, by the time we're done, will show he — and perhaps he, alone — was the one who tried to correct it," Bergstrom told jurors.

James Brennan's attorney, William Brennan, argued that the man who accused his client has a long history of deception. The case is expected to take months.

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THOMAS BERGSTROM, LYNN'S ATTORNEY

Group hopes trial deters child abuse

The Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests said the trial is a significant development in the wide-ranging priest sex abuse scandal.

"No matter what the trial's outcome is, we believe that this case will help deter future coverups of child sex crimes, especially in other institutions," the group said in a statement. "When wrongdoers are exposed and punished, wrongdoing is discouraged. We hope it will also encourage others in law enforcement to focus on both the child molesting clerics who assault kids and the corrupt church officials who enable those crimes." METRO/SDL

Man charged in stabbing

CHESTER COUNTY. A 45-year-old man was charged yesterday with fatally stabbing his estranged wife and mother of his four children Sunday in a Wawa parking lot.

Prosecutors allege the two met at the Upper Uwchlan store where Kimberly Hvizda worked and talked briefly before James Hvizda stabbed her multiple times. METRO/SDL

License permitted to AC's Revel

NEW JERSEY. Atlantic City's newest casino, the $2.4 billion Revel, got its casino license yesterday from the New Jersey Casino Control Commission.

The 1,900-room resort will have a soft opening Monday. METRO/AW

Stolen bicycles shown off by PPD

PHILADELPHIA. Police have announced that the stolen bicycles recovered during a dog fighting bust at a North Philadelphia home Friday will be on display tomorrow for owners to claim.

The 75 bikes, many of them "high-end" will be available at the Major Crimes Unit facility at Whittaker Avenue and Macalester streets between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Owners are encouraged to bring anything they might have to prove ownership and a complaint number from any police report they filed related to the theft. METRO/AW

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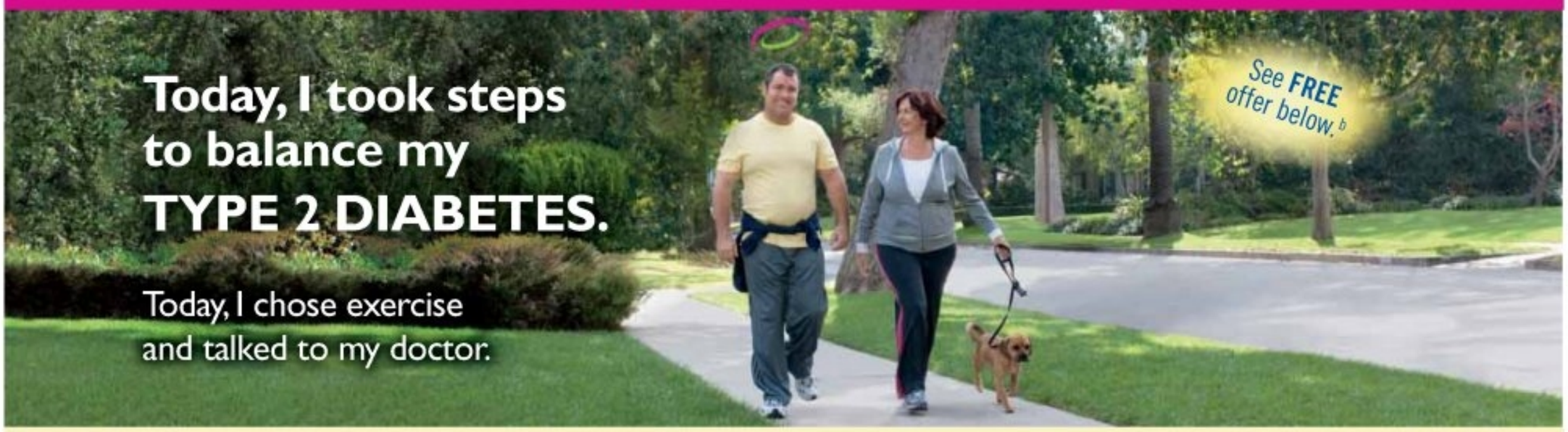

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Do not take JANUVIA if you are allergic to any of its ingredients, including sitagliptin. Symptoms of serious allergic reactions to JANUVIA, including rash, hives, and swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty breathing or swallowing, can occur. If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away.

Kidney problems, sometimes requiring dialysis, have been reported.

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You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

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- Fill in the dose on this voucher.
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Medication Guide

JANUVIA® (jah-NEW-vee-ah) (sitagliptin) Tablets

Read this Medication Guide carefully before you start taking JANUVIA and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This information does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment. If you have any questions about JANUVIA, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?

Serious side effects can happen in people taking JANUVIA, including inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) which may be severe and lead to death.

Certain medical problems make you more likely to get pancreatitis.

Before you start taking JANUVIA:

Tell your doctor if you have ever had

- pancreatitis
- stones in your gallbladder (gallstones)
- a history of alcoholism
- high blood triglyceride levels
- kidney problems

Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

What is JANUVIA?

- JANUVIA is a prescription medicine used along with diet and exercise to lower blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with type 1 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in your blood or urine).
- If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) in the past, it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting pancreatitis while you take JANUVIA.
- It is not known if JANUVIA is safe and effective when used in children under 18 years of age.

Who should not take JANUVIA?

Do not take JANUVIA if:

- you are allergic to any of the ingredients in JANUVIA. See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in JANUVIA.

  Symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to JANUVIA may include:
  - rash
  - raised red patches on your skin (hives)
  - swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty in breathing or swallowing

What should I tell my doctor before taking JANUVIA?

Before you take JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you:

- have or have had inflammation of your pancreas (pancreatitis).
- have kidney problems.
- have any other medical conditions.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if JANUVIA will harm your unborn baby. If you are pregnant, talk with your doctor about the best way to control your blood sugar while you are pregnant.

  Pregnancy Registry: If you take JANUVIA at any time during your pregnancy, talk with your doctor about how you can join the JANUVIA pregnancy registry. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. You can enroll in this registry by calling 1-800-986-8999.
- are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. It is not known if JANUVIA will pass into your breast milk. Talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby if you are taking JANUVIA.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take JANUVIA?

- Take JANUVIA 1 time each day exactly as your doctor tells you.
- You can take JANUVIA with or without food.
- Your doctor may do blood tests from time to time to see how well your kidneys are working. Your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA based on the results of your blood tests.
- Your doctor may tell you to take JANUVIA along with other diabetes medicines. Low blood sugar can happen more often when JANUVIA is taken with certain other diabetes medicines. See **"What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?"**.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If you do not remember until it is time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not take two doses of JANUVIA at the same time.
- If you take too much JANUVIA, call your doctor or local Poison Control Center right away.
- When your body is under some types of stress, such as fever, trauma (such as a car accident), infection or surgery, the amount of diabetes medicine that you need may change. Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these conditions and follow your doctor's instructions.
- Check your blood sugar as your doctor tells you to.
- Stay on your prescribed diet and exercise program while taking JANUVIA.
- Talk to your doctor about how to prevent, recognize and manage low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), high blood sugar (hyperglycemia), and problems you have because of your diabetes.
- Your doctor will check your diabetes with regular blood tests, including your blood sugar levels and your hemoglobin A1C.

What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?

Serious side effects have happened in people taking JANUVIA.

- See **"What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?"**.
- **Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).** If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar, such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include:
  - headache
  - drowsiness
  - weakness
  - dizziness
  - confusion
  - irritability
  - hunger
  - fast heart beat
  - sweating
  - feeling jittery
- **Serious allergic reactions.** If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away. See **"Who should not take JANUVIA?"**. Your doctor may give you a medicine for your allergic reaction and prescribe a different medicine for your diabetes.
- **Kidney problems,** sometimes requiring dialysis

The most common side effects of JANUVIA include:

- upper respiratory infection
- stuffy or runny nose and sore throat
- headache

JANUVIA may have other side effects, including:

- stomach upset and diarrhea
- swelling of the hands or legs, when JANUVIA is used with rosiglitazone (Avandia®). Rosiglitazone is another type of diabetes medicine.

These are not all the possible side effects of JANUVIA. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you, is unusual or does not go away.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store JANUVIA?

Store JANUVIA at 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).

Keep JANUVIA and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about the use of JANUVIA

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes that are not listed in Medication Guides. Do not use JANUVIA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give JANUVIA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about JANUVIA. If you would like to know more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for additional information about JANUVIA that is written for health professionals. For more information, go to www.JANUVIA.com or call 1-800-622-4477.

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Type 2 diabetes is a condition in which your body does not make enough insulin, and the insulin that your body produces does not work as well as it should. Your body can also make too much sugar. When this happens, sugar (glucose) builds up in the blood. This can lead to serious medical problems.

High blood sugar can be lowered by diet and exercise, and by certain medicines when necessary.

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New approach to 'bandits'

Signs on utility poles like 'We Buy Houses for Cash' will be targeted by Philly Interns to research sign owners will be hired Already illegal, city official admits handing out fines has been manpower issue in the past

Though they are illegal, Philadelphia has at least 20,000 bandit signs, according to anti-blight coalition The Bandit Project. The cheap, corrugated plastic posters affixed to utility poles and streetlights generally advertise predatory services and can be seen at the majority of busy city intersections.

The phone number associated with merely one sign spotted in Northeast Philadelphia offering cash for "junk cars" appears 150 times in The Bandit Project's user-generated database of offenders. Brian Abernathy of the managing director's office said that the "short answer" to how many of them were fined the applicable $75-per-sign penalty last year was "not many."

But city officials are looking to change that this spring by targeting both the signs and those who put them up as part of a new enforcement strategy.

Residents say they are pleased to hear about the efforts. "We've been advocating for enforcement of the existing laws quite for some time now. I'm a firm believer that's the correct strategy," Henry Pyatt of the New Kensington Community Development Corporation said.

"I can tell you these signs proliferate very rapidly — it tends to happen all at once overnight in a neighborhood. One or two guys get hired for $80 to $100 a day and march around stapling signs to poles," he said.

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'Sign sweeps'

Starting in April, the city said it is finally ready to begin cracking down on bandit signs. Here's the plan:

- L&I and cleanup workers who visit a location will also conduct "sign sweeps" of the surrounding block.
- Residents will be able to send in signs and identifying information to a single point of contact, rather than dealing with circuitous phone calls to L&I and the Streets Department. "We will ask for their help because we realize we don't have the resources to do it ourselves," Abernathy said. "But that won't work unless we have enforcement behind them."
- Inspired by L&I's initiative for dealing with absentee landlords without active addresses on file, the city will partner with an independent firm to fund a team of interns who will attempt to track down the sign posters in a similar manner, Abernathy said.

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▶ These signs are already illegal and the penalty to poster is $75 apiece, though "not many" fines have been doled out.

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Wife says accused US soldier had no issues

WASHINGTON. The wife of a U.S. Army sergeant accused of killing 17 Afghan civilians said she does not believe her husband could have carried out the massacre and that she was confident he was fine before his latest deployment.

Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, a decorated 38-year-old veteran of four combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, was charged last week with 17 counts of murder for killing eight adults and nine children and six counts each of assault and attempted murder for attacking two other adults and four children.

The incident in southern Afghanistan has further strained U.S.-Afghan relations after more than 10 years of war. **REUTERS**

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▶ The fatal shooting of an unarmed Florida teen by a neighborhood watch member has set off a national uproar.

Pot residue in bookbag

Trayvon Martin had been suspended from his Miami high school 10 days before his death for having marijuana residue in his book bag, a family spokesman said yesterday.

The residue was found in a plastic bag inside Martin's book bag, family spokesman Ryan Julison said.

"There was no substance found. There was a baggie that school officials believe may have formerly contained marijuana. There was no arrest or citation from the police," Julison said.

Toxicology test results were still pending on the body of Martin. **REUTERS**

Florida governor: Justice will prevail in shooting case

- 'Still gathering facts' in shooting of Trayvon Martin
- Says calling death a hate crime would be premature

Florida Gov. Rick Scott yesterday cautioned against a rush to judgment in the shooting death of unarmed teenager Trayvon Martin, saying state authorities were still gathering facts.

Martin, a 17-year-old African-American, was killed Feb. 26 while walking through a gated community in an Orlando suburb. George Zimmerman, a white Hispanic neighborhood watch volunteer, believed the young man in a "hoodie" hooded sweatshirt looked suspicious. Zimmerman followed him and an altercation ensued.

Zimmerman's attorney has said Zimmerman acted in self-defense. He has not been arrested.

"Justice will prevail. That's what we all want. We want the know the facts and we want to know that justice happens," Scott said in an interview with Reuters Insider in New York.

Florida law enforcement has been under fire for weeks as protests decrying inaction in the case have spread to cities across the country. Over the weekend, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter told MSNBC he considered the shooting to be "nothing short of an assassination."

Asked if the case rose to the level of a possible hate crime, Scott said such a judgment would be premature.

"Hopefully, it wasn't anything like that, but we don't know enough facts. I mean, my goal is, let's get the facts and let's make sure if somebody did something wrong, let's hold them accountable," he said. **REUTERS**

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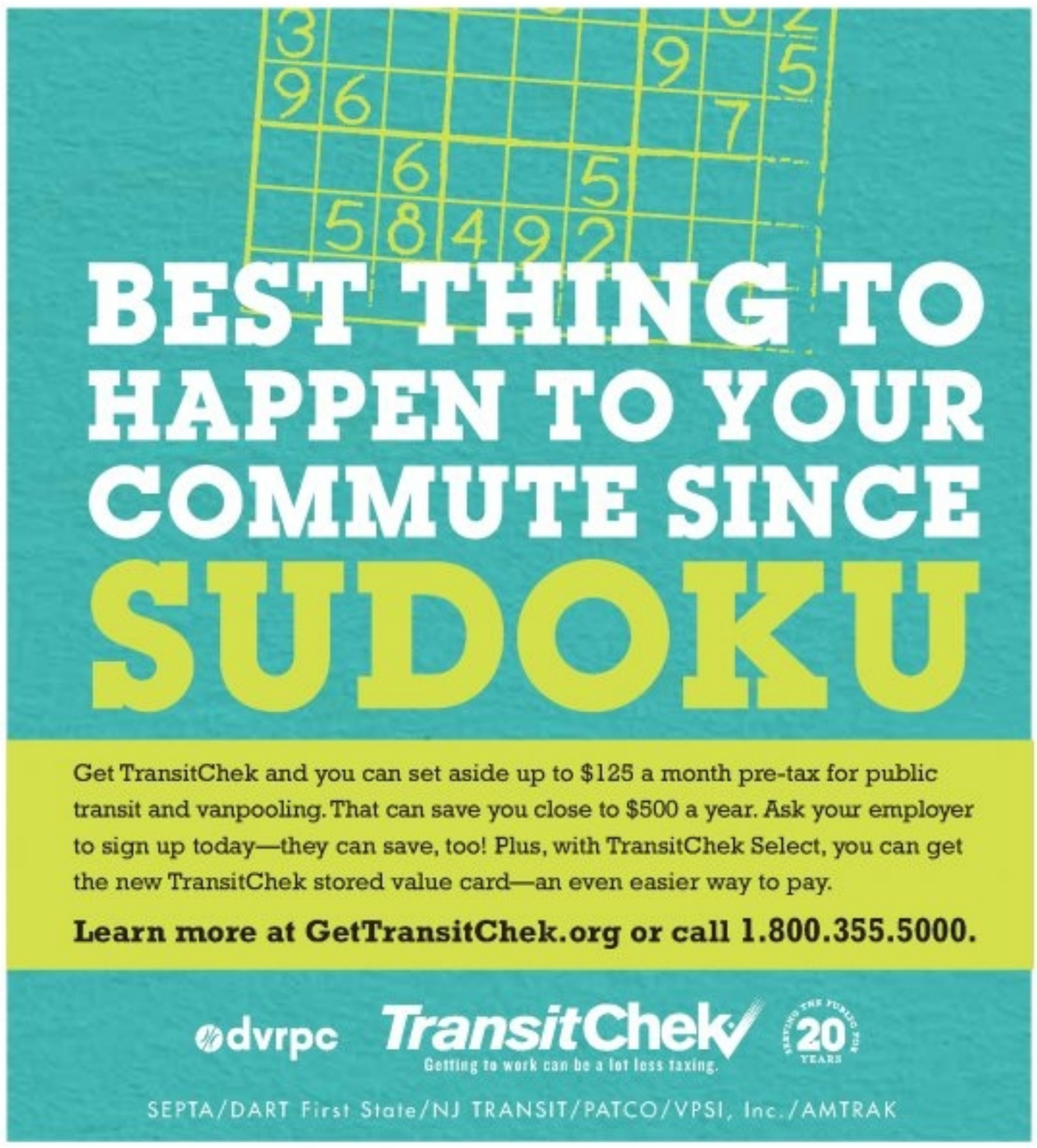
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Obama guilty of being a politician

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Slow news season?

We've officially reached that time in the 2012 presidential campaign when the most interesting story of the day either involves the president being overheard saying something obvious but gaffeish to a Russian head of state, or the release of a mysterious video from failed Republican candidate Herman Cain that includes a rabbit being shot to bits and a creepy girl asking whether anyone is confused.

With nothing substantial to discuss, we therefore succumb instead to the insubstantial.

First up: Obama and the hot mic. The president was overheard telling Russian President Dmitry Medvedev yesterday that he needed "space" and "time" to get to a missile defense system that has been bedeviling relations between the two countries for some time.

"On all these issues, but particularly missile defense, this, this can be solved but it's important for him [Putin] to give me space," Obama said. "This is my last election. After my election I have more flexibility."

Many people — overwhelmingly on one side of the aisle, but then, that's the way these things go — are disturbed that a U.S. president would use practical considerations in determining the timing of legislative focus. Some have ratcheted up the rhetoric even higher to allege that Obama is merely waiting for term two to unleash his master plans for America's destruction.

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▶ "Term one, health care; term two, enable America's ancient enemies." (Caught on secret mic hidden in Obama's brain, possibly.)

But is anyone really surprised to learn that presidents hold secret discussions with other world leaders, or that they weigh policy goals with political realities? It seems Obama has waded into a similar puddle as a Romney adviser did last week, when he gave voice to another political truism: that politicians tack to the center in a general election. (For what it's worth, we also deemed Etch-a-Sketch-gate unworthy of our attention, and not only because we're sick to tears of the "-gate" construction.)

Oh, and Herman Cain? Yeah, don't worry about him.

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- "The dirty little secret about second-term presidents" **FOREIGNPOLICY.COM**
- "Does Vladimir Putin know more about Obama's second-term agenda than U.S. voters?" **BLOG.AMERICAN.COM**
- "Rabbit 'shot' in strange new Herman Cain video" **POLITICO.COM**
- "Repubs: Dick Cheney heartlessly mocked" **BOSTONHERALD.COM**
- "Rick Santorum Welcomes You To Obama's Murder Colony" **WONKETTE.COM**

He said, we said

"If you haven't cursed out a New York Times reporter during the course of a campaign, you're not really a real Republican, is the way I look at it."

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE RICK SANTORUM YESTERDAY, PLAYING OFF AN INCIDENT IN WHICH HE CURSED AT REPORTER JEFF ZELENY, SAYING, "QUIT DISTORTING MY WORDS. ... IT'S BULLS–." SANTORUM WAS UPSET THAT HE WAS "AGGRESSIVELY ATTACKED" BY ZELENY, WHO REPEATED THE CANDIDATE'S WORDS BACK TO HIM VERBATIM.

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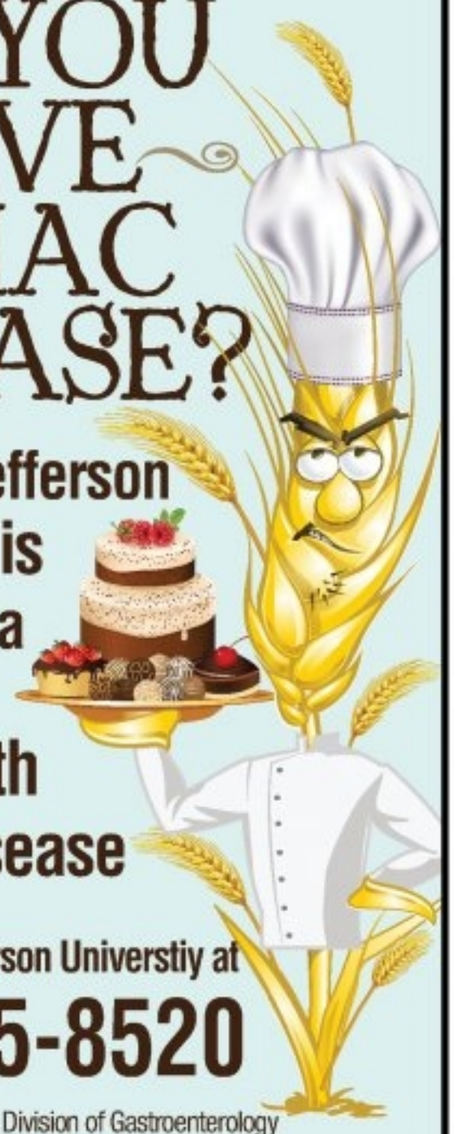

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Surfing the stacks

At Drexel, library students are taught to embrace new technology and Web-based services, not mourn the late Encyclopaedia Britannica

R.I.P. reference section

The reference section is where library books are becoming extinct the fastest.

- **Encyclopaedia Britannica** announced this month that its 15th edition, which came out in 2010, will be the last to be published in book form, ending a history that began in 1768.

With readers of all ages picking up Kindles and Nooks and iPads, the role of the library — and the librarian — are in the middle of fundamental change. What future librarians are learning in school is changing as well.

"Students don't so much need to learn the technology of today, because that's going to change," says Eileen Abels, associate dean for academic affairs at the iSchool, the College of Information Science and Technology at Drexel University. "They need to learn how to evaluate new technologies as they come along, and incorporate them into new ways of providing services to library patrons."

Classes like website design, social media and digital reference reflect the changing technology. "Reference librarians no longer work just at a desk or on the phone, but through Web-based services like e-mail and chat," Abels says. "Even if [patrons are] actually in the library, they may prefer to text or chat [to ask for help] rather than get up and risk losing a good seat."

Quoted

"I tell students, make yourself indispensable, but invisibly — through a website with the right resources and accurate information."

EILEEN ABELS,
ISCHOOL OF DREXEL UNIVERSITY

Students can pick up online skills by working at the Internet Public Library (www.ilb.org), which is based at Drexel. "Students answer reference questions, provide metadata on resources and evaluate websites," Abels explains, so the 40,000 sites linked to are reliable sources of information. "The IPL slogan is 'information you can trust' — the same slogan as Encyclopaedia Britannica," she adds.

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▶ Drexel's Internet Public Library makes it easy for students to access information.

Education in brief

Penn providing legal advice for food truck vendors

Food trucks are a popular presence at local college campuses — now some Penn students are helping keep the trucks legal.

The Philadelphia Mobile Food Association was formed recently to help mobile food vendors and other small business owners work with city government on issues like regulations on trucks and limits on times and places where trucks are allowed to operate.

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Second- and third-year students involved in the Penn's Entrepreneurship Legal Clinic, working under two faculty members who are also licensed Pennsylvania attorneys, provide free legal advice to the PMFA. The clinic helps businesses and business organizations with legal agreements and documents during startup.

USciences appoints first female president

The University of the Sciences has named its first female president, Helen Giles-Gee. She has been involved in higher education for more than 30 years.

Giles-Gee holds a B.A. in psychobiology, an M.S. in science education and a Ph.D. in experimental research techniques from the University of Pennsylvania and an M.S. in zoology from Rutgers.

"I am honored and excited to join University of the Sciences as its president at a time when its mission of educating strong leaders in the fields of health and the sciences is crucial to the success of the state and the country," Giles-Gee says.

Sustainable design award to PhilaU

Philadelphia University's master's program in sustainable design has won the 2011 Beyond Green High Performance Building Initiative Award from the National Institute of Building Sciences. The institute is a nonprofit organization dedicated to "improving the performance of our nation's buildings while reducing waste and conserving energy and resources."

Founded in 2007, the PhilaU program was one of the first interdisciplinary sustainable design programs in the country.

A spring break of service for Gwynedd students

Not all college students use their spring breaks to party. Twenty-four Gwynedd-Mercy College students spent an Alternative Spring Break program participating in service projects. Students traveled to Bronx, N.Y.; Cincinnati, Ohio; New Orleans, La.; and Biloxi, Miss. Some participated in after-school programs; others worked in a shelter for victims of domestic abuse.

This is the eighth year in a row of the program. "It was an identity-forming experience and it stretched each of us in our own way," says Betty Scanlon, RSM, of the school's community service program.

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When the military meets the quad

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▶ Cadets train at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

New book 'Arms and the University' traces the ROTC's rocky history on college campuses

Why the authors welcome the program's return to elite schools

Over the last few years, ROTC programs have begun to return to elite universities including Harvard, Columbia, Stanford and Yale. It's the latest development in a century-long struggle between university and military culture in the United States.

Next month, Cambridge University Press will release the first comprehensive analysis of this fraught, ever-evolving relationship: "Arms and the University: Military Presence and the Civic Education of Non-Military Students," by Donald Alexander Downs and Ilia Murtazashvili.

In 14 chapters, the book traces ROTC history from the program's meager beginnings in 1916 to its banishment from campuses in the '60s and from the "don't ask, don't tell" controversy to ROTC's return to the Ivy League. Along the way, Downs and Murtazashvili argue for a more substantive military presence on all U.S. campuses.

"It's not a left-right issue in the end. Bringing the ROTC back was originally kind of a right-wing issue, led by conservative groups on campus," says Downs, a professor of political science, law and journalism at the University of Wisconsin. "But after 9/11, people on the left started agreeing that there is something to this argument of equal recognition for military students — civic equality, and broadening the university's mind to this reality."

Closing the gap

After authoring "Arms and the University," Downs is pleased to see ROTC programs returning to revered institutions — but dismayed by the growing gap between privileged universities and the military.

"America has the most prominent position in the world, and the military helps secure that. There's just something wrong when members of the elite don't contribute in a direct way to that, because they're the ones that get the most privilege out of the system," he says.

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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Jenna Talackova removed from Miss Universe Canada for being transgender

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▶ "I'm disqualified, however I'm not giving up. I'm not going to just let them disqualify me over discrimination." Talackova, right, on her Twitter account.

Is the world ready for a transgender Miss Universe contestant?

The quick answer to this is: No.

The longer explanation has to do with beauty pageant contestant **Jenna Talackova**, 23, who made it to the finals in the Miss Vancouver pageant, but was ultimately ruled ineligible due to her being biologically male. The 6-foot-1-inch stunner did well — and even made it to the finals — but was disqualified after organizers learned she wasn't a naturally born female, according to CTV News.

"Jenna Talackova from Vancouver, British Columbia, will not compete in the 2012 Miss Universe Canada competition because she did not meet the requirements to compete despite having stated otherwise on her entry form," Miss Universe Canada organizers said in a statement. "We do, however, respect her goals, determination and wish her the best."

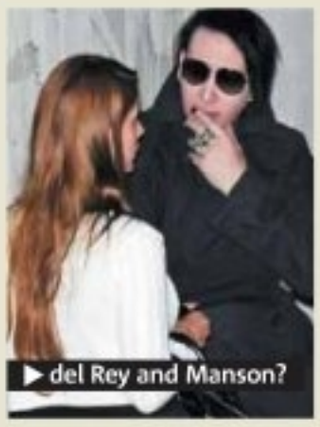
According to CTV News, Talackova started hormone therapy at 14 and had gender reassignment surgery at 19.

Talackova is claiming discrimination, which Miss Universe Canada national director Denis Davila refutes, telling CTV News, "There is no discrimination here at all. You can look at it the way she wants to look at it ... but we all have to follow the same rules."

Miss Universe Canada says that Talackova indicated on her registration form that she was born a female but later admitted that she was born a male.

Here's the thing: Whether you are applying for a job at Arby's or as a beauty pageant contestant in Canada, you can't lie on your application form.

I can see where this is tricky. Women already earn, on average, 23 percent less than men. Sadly, pageants are one constant where we can compete on a level playing field. A playing field where we compete in high heels and fake eyelashes, but a fair one nonetheless. Then again, she doesn't look like she had any less work done than the rest of Miss Universe contestants, so what's the big deal?



▶ del Rey and Manson?

Del Rey's new beau?

Rumors are swirling that new singing sensation **Lana del Rey** is dating **Marilyn Manson**, according to Hollyscoop. The pair first turned heads when they were spotted "sneaking into an elevator" in Berlin earlier this month, and since then they've reportedly been spending a lot of time together — like grabbing dinner before del Rey's performance at the Echo Awards. After the show, del Rey and Manson left together in a van.

There are three things I will never understand in life: the world's fascination with someone as boring as **Kim Kardashian**, people who don't like books, and how Marilyn Manson gets women. Can someone explain this to me?

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Drake has his eye on an older woman, Russell Crowe isn't impressed with modern cars, Kelly Osbourne is having dog problems, and Sarah Silverman is working for change.

@Drake: Natasha McElhone I know you don't have twitter cause you are a mature British goddess...but I love you.

@russellcrowe: this isn't funny but I saw an Acura plough in to the back of a beautiful Beauford today,Acura smashed,not a scratch on the real steel car

@MissKellyO: sid keeps throwing up he has been to the vet 3 times and its still happening I'm starting to get worried i think my dog is puppy-rexic!

@SarahKSilverman: I'm so proud to be the founder of "WOMEN & MEN UNITE", a global movement I made up on the elliptical just now.

Drake

Talking points

Witherspoon talks womb with kids

Before getting pregnant, **Reese Witherspoon** reportedly ran the idea by Ava, 12, and Deacon, 8, the two children she already has, according to People magazine. "All along, Reese has been very open with her kids about her plans to expand the family," a source says. "Especially [because] Ava is at a sensitive age, Reese always makes sure to consult with her. She is very respectful of Ava's feelings."

Fox and Green are sued

Megan Fox and **Brian Austin Green** are being sued by a photographer over an alleged altercation in Hawaii last December, according to TMZ. **Delbert Shaw** claims he was attacked by Green after being spotted snapping pictures of the couple on the beach near the Four Seasons Resort in Hualalai, with Fox egging her husband on, saying, "Are you going to let him get away with that?" Shaw says Green proceeded to beat him before throwing his iPhone into the water.

▶ Brian Austin Green

Lohan's continuing legal problems

Lindsay Lohan's recent alleged run-in with a man outside a Hollywood club might still cause some headaches for the troubled actress. **Thaer Kamal** claims Lohan struck him with her car and fled the scene, and he's even gone so far as to hire high-priced attorney **Mark Geragos** to prove it, according to TMZ. Geragos reportedly contacted Lohan's lawyer claiming to have video evidence of Lohan hitting Kamal, then switching places with her passenger. Kamal reportedly told witnesses he wasn't injured but then decided to go to the hospital when he learned that Lohan had been in the car.

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A little celebrity fun overseas and in Los Angeles

1. Nicole Scherzinger of the Pussycat Dolls attended the Malaysian Formula One Grand Prix at the Sepang Circuit on Sunday in Malaysia.

2. Helena Bonham Carter and her matching boyfriend **Tim Burton** arrived at the Jameson Empire Awards — which is kind of like a People's Choice Awards but for British people — on Sunday in London.

3. Gerard Butler caught the game between the Memphis Grizzlies and the Los Angeles Lakers at the Staples Center on Sunday.

4. Singer-songwriter **Feist** performed at Royal Albert Hall on Sunday in London.

5. Gary Oldman picked up the best actor gong for "Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy" at the Jameson Empire Awards on Sunday in London.

6. Matthew Morrison (his hair really is fantastic) was spotted by the paparazzi outside of BBC Radio One yesterday in London.

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What we're into

Sheer ankle socks

1 Soon it will be time to ditch stockings and tights for bare legs. But we love how ankle socks can dress down high heels, and these sheer ones from Philippe Matignon add a sexy wink to just about any outfit.
Philippe Matignon Socquette Transparency, $20 for a pack of two, www.herroom.com

Laduree & Tsumori Chisato

2 Cherry blossoms are blooming, and not just on your block. Laduree teamed up with Japanese designer Tsumori Chisato to create a gorgeous, limited-edition box to house the new cherry blossom macarons and candle. This feminine keepsake will also be home to our jewelry, hair pins and trinkets long after we devour those delicious sweets.
Limited Edition Tsumori Chisato Box, six macarons, $25; Limited Edition Tsumori Cherry Blossom Candle, $62, 646-558-3157

Wedge-heeled sneakers

3 Since New York Fashion Week, we've been lusting over wedge-heel sneakers. Ash's Bowie style — see Jourdan Dunn sporting a pair — are a cheaper alternative to those Isabel Marant kicks seen on so many fashion editors.
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From tiny boxes of slime mold and fungi to the enormous, regal 10,000-year-old Irish elk skeleton, the nation’s oldest natural history museum celebrates its bicentennial with a story in specimens.

The exhibition, says Academy president and CEO George W. Gephart Jr., gives “a clear indication that we are active in all elements of natural and environmental science.” It serves as the core of the museum’s bicentennial year, which will also be marked by a new book and a series of related events and programs.

▶ We’re kind of glad the Irish elk isn’t still roaming the streets.

LAUREN DICCIO

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“We are showing real science — what we do day in, day out, all over the globe — in a new format that we hope will really propel this institution and put us back in the minds of our community, our region, the country and the world,” says Gephart.

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TV watch list

KARIN MEAL

▶ Dean Norris of “Body of Proof”

‘Body of Proof’

DRAMA. Luke Perry guest stars as a doctor from the CDC who butts heads with medical examiner Megan Hunt (Dana Delany) when a bioterrorist unleashes a deadly virus in Philly. Anyone else hoping it’s the same virus that hit the good folks over on “The Walking Dead”? Prime time could use more zombies now that the scary AMC drama is on hiatus, no? **10:01 p.m., ABC**

‘Best Ink’

REALITY. More permanent than the calories in a Quick-fire Challenge, tattoos are the skill judged in this competition that borrows its format from “Top Chef.” **Series premiere, 10 p.m., Oxygen**

‘16 and Pregnant’

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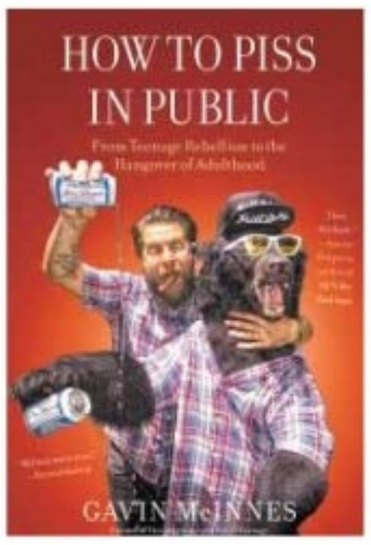

Carpe-ing the diem

In 'How to Piss In Public,' Vice magazine co-founder Gavin McInnes memorializes four decades of cringe-worthy decadence

Interviewing a guy like Gavin McInnes after reading a memoir like his "How to Piss in Public" comes across as a sort of inside-out St.-Peter-at-the-Pearly-Gates scenario. Having just been privy to 250-plus pages of ragers, fights, chases, cons and a whole lot of detailed sex, the accused stands before you to earnestly reassure that everything you just read was an absolutely true, if somewhat abbreviated, recounting of a rogue's life. The ordained "Godfather of Hipsters," McInnes has been at turns a rock star, a magazine mogul, a viral video entrepreneur, a botfly babysitter, a tundra foreman and, more recently, a daddy. Now, he adds author to his docket. Metro talks to the man who somehow survived his own stories.

How do you feel having all of this put down in a book?
I feel pretty good about it.

Do: Grab a copy of McInnes' book.
Don't: Wear this to the bookstore.

McInnes's life lessons for his son

I would hope that he pick up on the entrepreneurial stuff," says McInnes when asked what he hoped his son might gain from (someday) reading his memoir. "When you compare yourself to yourself, you're a loser — but when you compare yourself to others, you're unstoppable."

The great thing about, you know, working so hard on something like that is when people say it sucks, you just go, "Oh, well." I've got a lot of sort of prudish, PC people saying it was disgusting and too outrageous, and the beauty of an autobiography is that you can go "Uh, sorry ... that happened!" ... and I can't change that.

The stories are pretty wild. At one point, you even offer $1,000 to anyone who can back up claims that anything you said in the book is fabricated.
James Frye and all those guys ruined memoir a bit because they lied, so, I don't want you to be reading with one eyebrow cocked going, "Yeah, right."

Did factors like that make memoir a challenging medium?
There's a rut with memoirs. A temptation. You're tempted to indulge yourself and set the record straight on things. You know, Lenny Bruce was obsessed with that. You want to get defensive. But I just cut that out, because I'm not here to sell myself or defend myself. I just have to tell the story and keep it funny.

How would you sum up the book?
Well, I went out to make a funny book, it was for maximum laughs, and I realized later it was an inspirational instruction how-to guide on carpe-ing the diem.

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
NORRIS UPTOWN NORTH CENTRAL CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS IMPLEMENTATION GRANT APPLICATION

The public is invited to a presentation on the Norris Uptown North Central Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant Application along with an opportunity to provide comments. The target area is Lehigh Avenue on the north, Cecil B. Moore on the south, 3rd street on the east and Carlisle street on the west.

The community meetings will be held **Tomorrow, Wednesday March 28th from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at the Philadelphia Military Academy at Eleverson School,** 2118 North 13th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19122.

AGENDA
- The Choice Neighborhoods planning and implementation process
- The proposed physical plan, including the extent of proposed demolition or rehabilitation of existing structures and if applicable, proposed site design
- Planned supportive service activities
- Other proposed transformation activities
- Relocation issues, such as relocation planning, mobility counseling & relocation benefits
- Maintaining the Choice Neighborhoods community planning process during the demolition and reconstruction phases, where temporary relocation, i.e., relocation for a reasonable period (less than one year), is involved
- Re-occupancy plans and policies, such as site-based waiting lists
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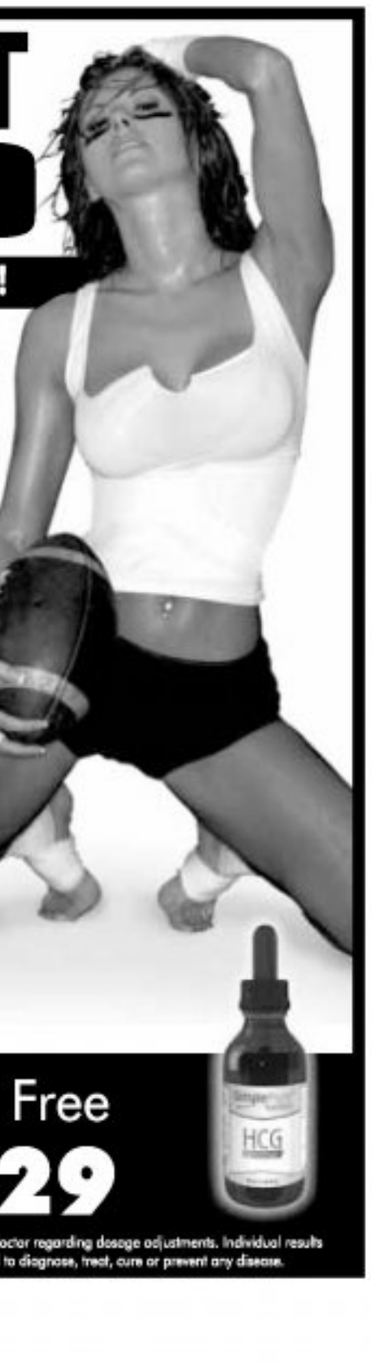

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Drug caution

If your child has asthma, you may want to avoid giving him acetaminophen (which has many brand names, including Tylenol). Taking the medicine could actually increase the chance of asthma symptoms, according to a recent Pediatrics article.

An increasing body of research suggests that acetaminophen reduces the body's level of glutathione (a molecule that helps decrease inflammation in the bronchial tubes), causing irritation for kids who have sensitive lungs. This may lead to wheezing, coughing or shortness of breath, says John T. McBride, M.D., author of the article and a pediatrician at Akron Children's Hospital in Ohio.

While more research needs to be done, Dr. McBride says there's enough evidence for parents to consider giving a child with asthma or a family history of the disease ibuprofen — which commonly goes by Advil — instead (which is safe for babies 6 months and older). "Until we have more information, it doesn't make sense to take the chance that it might up the risk of a child developing asthma or worsen symptoms." **RACHEL MORRIS**

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DR. MCBRIDE, ON ACETAMINOPHEN USE IN CHILDREN WITH ASTHMA

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In the news

Fertility not discussed by patients, study says

Young women with cancer often aren't counseled about the risk of losing their fertility due to treatment or their options for saving their eggs, a new study from California suggests.

Researchers found that since the early 1990s, only one in every 25 women diagnosed with cancer at age 40 or younger decided to go through with egg- or embryo-freezing procedures, even though at least half said they'd like to have kids after treatment.

"More times than not it's still the patient that is basically saying, 'This is important to me,'" said Dr. Mitchell Rosen, head of the Fertility Preservation Center at the University of California at San Francisco School of Medicine, who worked on the study.

"Even if they have children, if there's a glimpse of thinking about whether they would want to have another child, they should be raising this question with their physician and letting them know that this is important to them," he said.

The new findings are based on surveys of more than 1,000 California women who were diagnosed with cancers including breast cancer and leukemia between 1993 and 2007.

Sixty-one percent reported getting counseled by one of their doctors about the impact treatment could have on their fertility, as well as their options for preserving it. And about 4 percent went through with egg- or embryo-freezing procedures — a rate that increased over time from no women in 1993 to 6 to 10 percent during the last few study years.

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Letters

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We are all Trayvon? Mixed bag on crime

RE: "TRAYVON MARTIN: JUSTICE SERVED?": To Mr. Dupont's ranting from the bubble: Trayvon Martin was a real person, shot with a real bullet, who is now really dead.
SCOTT KEELEY, VIA E-MAIL

Law enforcement personnel are trained not to use excessive force. The average person cannot be held to such a standard as she/he is not officially trained and obligated to "properly" deter a crime; ordinary citizens have the right to protect themselves.
LUCY MARTINEZ, VIA E-MAIL

The Trayvon Martin tragedy is an American tragedy because we all lose. This shouldn't be a black or white issue; it's an American issue. Young innocent children and adults are being wounded and injured by gun-wielding knuckleheads everyday. Where is the outcry for all those other innocent lives? Let's not be hypocrites!
JAMES M. HAWKINS, VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Dupont, no white person living today is responsible for racism! But history has what is called "consequences." No action is without consequences. When you run a red light, there's a bill that must be paid. **TONY D. KING, VIA E-MAIL**

In response to Mr. DuPont's statement about the "Black Panthers intimidating whites at voting booths" — that was not, in fact, the case. That tactic was employed by a different group incorrectly associated with the Black Panthers. And though I am not a member of either group, I am a proud African-American woman who can't stand by allowing blame to be placed on a group when the action was clearly not their own. Check your facts!
FELECIA MYERS, PHILADELPHIA

While I agree that discussion of the Martin shooting shouldn't be limited to race, Dupont should've quit there. Instead he cites the "Black Panthers intimidating white voters" story, established as more fiction than fact. Let's not fool ourselves: We all have prejudices of some kind. We need to keep those from dictating our interactions and discussions.
JOSEPH CONNELL, VIA E-MAIL

I was raised among prejudice. In my lifetime, I've experienced race riots, been called degrading racial names and much worse. I am black. Yet I am very educated, I speak and write Japanese, have many friends of almost every ethnic background, pronounce English almost as perfectly as you and enjoy life, culture, nature and architecture. Was I given the chance to show I am no threat?
PIERRE SIMS, VIA E-MAIL

Can't blame GOP for everything, can we?

RE: "WILL HEALTH CARE SURVIVE COURT DECISION?": Mr. Simms blames Republicans for almost anything and everything. Now he blames the Bush administration for putting us in debt! But Obama can't do anything wrong. Obama only doubled our total debt in the first two years; it took Bush all eight years to up the debt by a trillion. Now he blames the Republican party for health care. Romney did it in Massachusetts, but he is not the whole Republican party. Brayden is a shill for the Obama administration and not a political analyst.
IGOR MANNIKUS, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Although your fertile imagination will supply you with many brilliant ideas, unless you implement at least some of them they'll be of little value.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** A better-than-usual day in terms of your finances is not a signal to loosen up the purse strings, especially if you do so to gratify a stray whim.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** As long as you don't allow negative inclinations to weaken your resolve, you should be able to successfully promote a promising idea. Remain positive throughout the day.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Although conditions for personal acquisition look good, you need to be smart about how you handle your newfound wealth. If you go on a spending spree, all that you gained will slip away rapidly.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Social involvements with friends should prove to be rather pleasant — as long as you don't get carried away and spend more than you can afford. Leave the credit cards at home.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** There is nothing wrong with fulfilling your ambitious aspirations, but only if you don't do so at the expense of others. If it is, you may lose more than you gain.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** In order to get your points across, you should try not to be coy or circuitous when explaining them. The best way to state your case is in an enthusiastic, direct manner.

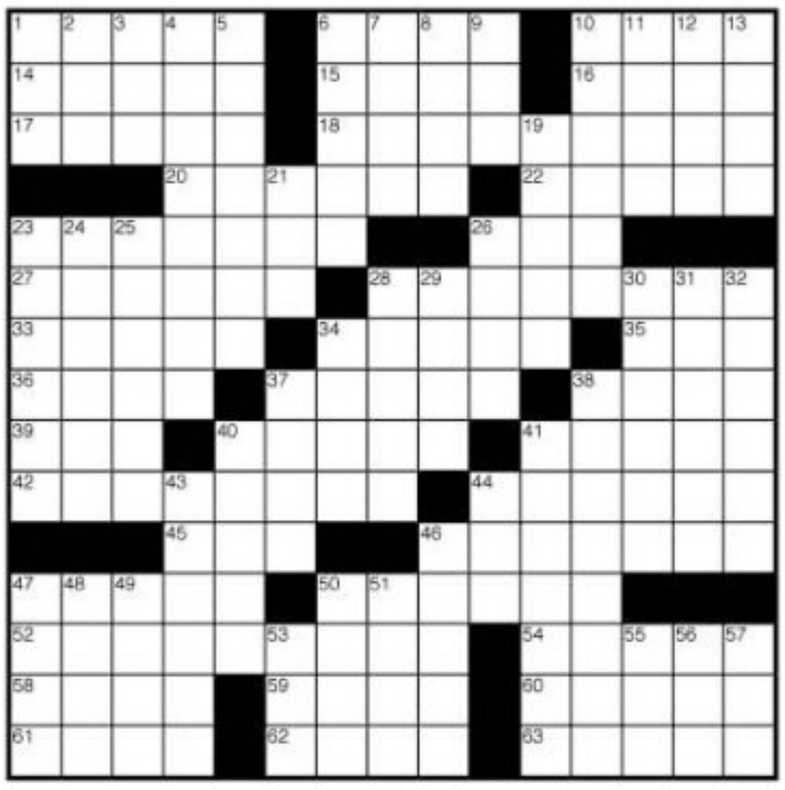
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** The ability to improve upon some basic ideas of others is one of your better assets. If and when your schemes work out well, make sure you get some of the credit.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** If a partnership is to work out well, both you and your cohort must be in total agreement — down to the last detail. When you are, it will be a slam dunk.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** You have what it takes to accomplish a lot — but remember, you still have your limitations. Establish reasonable objectives that you can complete.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** In order to maintain a smooth relationship with a valued friend, do not intentionally or even accidentally pry into personal matters he or she wishes to keep secret.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** When it comes to your work or something you're tying to accomplish, much productivity can be achieved through consistency and tenacity. Do not involve yourself in what you can't finish. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**



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5 Hottest party spots in Latin America

As the party season starts to seriously heat up in South America, Paul Irvine, director of luxury Latin America travel specialists Dehouche **(www.dehouche.com)**, gives the inside track on the hottest places to cut loose.

Buenos Aires, Argentina

With wide, tree-lined avenues, a thriving cultural scene and sophisticated nightlife, Buenos Aires deserves its reputation as the Paris of Latin America. During summer months, the city springs to life. Jet-set polo players mix with international rock stars and the beautiful locals who flit from secret cocktail bars to open-air nightclubs.

Party: Our favorite hidden haunt is cocktail bar Franks. Armed with a secret password, you need to punch a code into the keypad of a British telephone box — and upon whispering the magic words, the door will swing open to reveal a Prohibition-style bar complete with chandeliers and an impressive lineup of DJs **(www.franks-bar.com)**.

Must-see

Cartagena, Colombia: The glistening jewel of the Caribbean, Cartagena well deserves its reputation as one of Latin America's most beautiful cities. Its sun-dappled squares house a fantastic selection of boutique hotels and bars.

Party: Slip outside the city to Bar Havana. The old-school bar serves the best mojitos outside Cuba and live salsa bands play into the night **(www.cafehavanacartagena.com)**.

Buzios, Brazil

Located two hours down the coast from Rio de Janeiro, Buzios is the epitome of laid-back, barefoot beach chic and attracts both a heady mix of Brazilian glitterati and an international crowd drawn to its myriad beautiful beaches.

Party: Set on a beautifully rugged horseshoe bay where the rhythmic pattern of waves draws the local surfers, Rocka is the definition of the perfect beach lounge. Dream away the afternoon drinking caipirinhas on loungers until after sunset, when the deck transforms into a dance floor **(www.rockafish.com)**.

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Trancoso, Brazil

A former hippie town at the heart of the Brazilian Bahia coastline, Trancoso's winning combination of beautiful beaches, lilting, laid-back rhythm and vibrant social scene have turned it into a favorite hideaway for the international jet set.

Party: During the high season, Brazil's best clubs descend on Trancoso to host pop-up events on the beach with a stellar line-up of international DJs.

Punta del Este, Uruguay

Combine long, rolling stretches of stunning coastline with understated elegance and legendary private parties and you have yourself a recipe for success that has turned Punta del Este into one of the world's hottest spots.

Party: After turning on the charm to talk your way into the best of the private parties, head to nightclub Tequila which has floor-to-ceiling disco balls.

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Punta del Este tip

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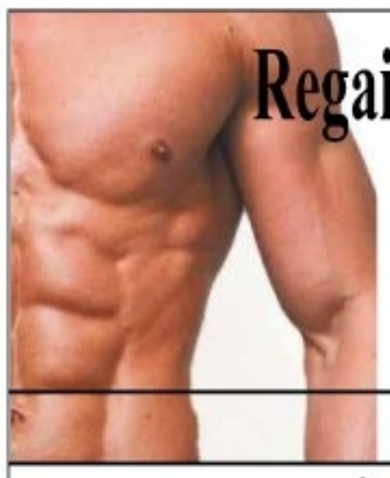

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Tuna time?

Saints talking to Bill Parcells

Suspended Saints coach Sean Payton is exploring the option of turning interim coaching duties over to Bill Parcells.

ESPN cited sources saying that the two discussed the move, but FOXSports said a meeting would take place later this week. Parcells told SI.com that he doesn't have the bug to coach.

The move certainly makes sense considering Parcells is Payton's mentor. Payton's one-year suspension over Bountygate begins Sunday.

Opinion

ANGELO CATALDI

THE VOICE OF THE PHILLY SPORTS FAN

PHILS HOUSE OF LIES WILL CRUMBLE

At a time when fans have supported the Phillies with their money and their hearts, the team has responded with disrespect and deceit. The biggest thing lacking from our 2012 ballclub is not hitting or pitching. It's honesty.

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From the very first day of spring training, the pattern of lies was established. It all began when GM Ruben Amaro Jr. disclosed that Chase Utley was going to proceed slowly this spring because of his brittle knees. Slowly? Didn't Utley finish the 2011 season reasonably healthy? And didn't he have four months of rest after that?

The explanation seemed illogical, but we all went along with it for a couple of weeks, as Utley disappeared from sight. When I visited the spring training complex two weeks ago, Utley was treated like a mob snitch in the Federal Witness Protection Program. The only thing more elusive was an honest answer as to why he still hadn't played a single exhibition game.

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The Phils are officially in trouble, and now they have a deepening credibility gap.

There was no reason for Amaro to deceive the fans with his assurances that Utley was fine. Eventually, we were all going to know the truth, weren't we? And now we do.

First, Utley headed to an undisclosed location last week for a series of clandestine examinations, and then — after another six days of insulting silence — he finally said he has started a new rehab program with no timetable for a full recovery.

An angry debate has erupted over the past few days about who is most to blame for this mess, the ultrasecretive Utley or the paranoid Phillies. Does it really matter? A team already struggling for offense has lost its No. 3 hitter. The Phils are officially in trouble, and now they have a deepening credibility gap, to boot.

And speaking of boots, we also have the ongoing fiasco involving Ryan Howard. The slugger removed a protective boot from his surgically repaired left foot last Thursday, exactly 17 days after we were told it would be on for only about a week. Howard sports an open wound in the incision on his Achilles tendon, the result of an infection that the Phils still refuse to call a setback.

The Phillies had the highest attendance in baseball last year, at 3.68 million. They also had the top local TV ratings in the game, the ninth consecutive year of increased viewership. The value of the team, according to Forbes magazine, went up $114 million in the past 12 months, to a record $723 million.

For all of this, the team has responded with weasel words and blatant lies. What Amaro and the rest of his truth-challenged aides need to understand now — today — is that the fans who have stormed through the gates of Citizens Bank Park for the past decade can turn right around and stampede out the same way.

If the Phils keep treating their fans this way, believe me, they will.

*– **Angelo Cataldi** is the host of 94 WIP's Morning Show, which airs weekdays 5:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.*

Reid still not in control

RICARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Reid

The very last thing an Eagles fan needed to hear was that Andy Reid has won a power struggle within the organization and re-established final say over personnel.

Fortunately, the story was complete bunk. Reid is one season away from having no power — and no job.

Despite the report in the Los Angeles Times, Reid never lost the last word on who plays for the Eagles, and who coaches for them, too. All you need to know is that Juan Castillo was the defensive coordinator last season. Is anyone else capable of making a decision that blindly loyal? Not a chance.

The danger in the report — if it were true — is that it implies Reid has regained some footing since the bitter news conference by owner Jeff Lurie in which the coach was given a public win-or-else ultimatum. If anything, Reid seems to be losing his voice within the front office. Exhibit A is new middle linebacker DeMeco Ryans.

Whether Ryans has fully recovered from Achilles surgery in 2010 really is not as important as who brought him here. Did Reid instantly change his philosophy on linebackers, or did he get a nudge from bosses who are planning for life without him? Bringing in an injured player at a bargain price sounds more like something from president Joe Banner's playbook, doesn't it?

The best guess is that Reid made the final decision, with a hearty shove by the guys above him. The coach should expect the next push to be an even stronger one — right out the door.

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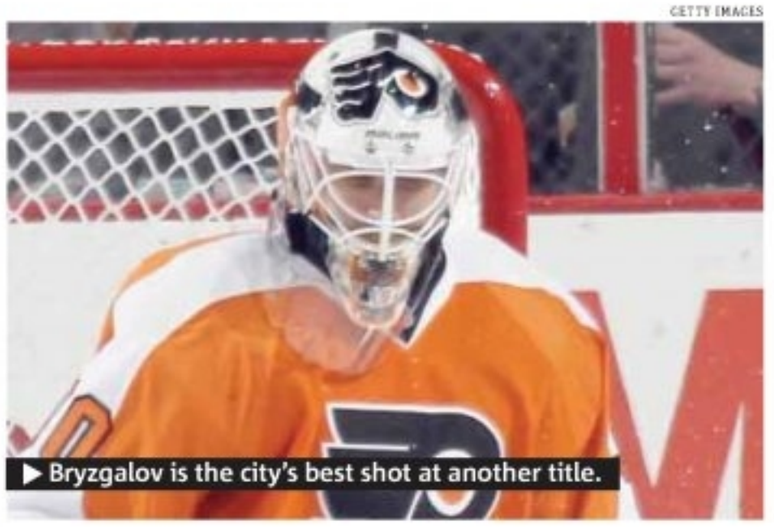

▶ Bryzgalov is the city's best shot at another title.

Best in the Bryz-ness

The sports world is full of surprises, and there is no more bizarre twist than this: Our best chance for another parade rests on the twitchy shoulders of Ilya Bryzgalov.

That's right. The unpredictable Russian goalie who started the season so horribly is emerging as the star of the Flyers and holds the immediate championship fate of an entire city in his gloves. He is more important to our current sports fortunes than Roy Halladay, Mike Vick, or anybody on the Sixers.

Let's be realistic for a second. Does anybody really believe that the Phillies are going to repeat the magic of 2008? Without Chase Utley and Ryan Howard? And the Eagles aren't going to rebound from 8-8 behind a brittle Vick and clueless Juan Castillo. Deep down, you know that. Just as you understand the Sixers are one-and-done again.

Bryzgalov presents an interesting new proposition, a player who has spent the past month hiding the many flaws of his teammates with the best sustained goaltending the Flyers have seen since Ron Hextall. If Bryzgalov can steal so many games in March, why not in May and June? Why can't he become the craziest, most exhilarating story in Philadelphia sports history?

Idle thoughts from Cataldi ...

1 **Egos clashing in Sixersland.** Is Evan Turner driving Doug Collins crazy? Why else would the Sixers coach say his star-in-training needs to rebound better if he wants the ball more? The kid is a guard. If Collins wants the ball in Turner's hands more, maybe the coach should just give it to him.

2 **Fred-Ex stuck behind bars.** Former Eagles wide receiver Freddie Mitchell is in jail. No, not for the tax-fraud charges he faces, but for child-support violations. Despite all of his problems, here's hoping he converts one more fourth-and-26 and saves not a season this time, but his life.

3 **Finally, coach.** DeMeco Ryans could not have made a better first impression last week, especially when he acted and spoke like a true leader. Andy Reid was so impressed, he compared Ryans to Brian Dawkins. Hallelujah. Reid finally values what Dawkins meant to the Eagles — three years too late.

Drexel, Flint agree on multi-year deal

Dragons reward coach for 29-win season Team went 16-2 in CAA Flint named Coach of the Year

BERARD LARMA/METRO

▶ Flint led Drexel to 19 straight wins at one point.

Drexel's school-record 29 wins was enough to get the head coach a new deal.

The school announced yesterday that Bruiser Flint had agreed to a multi-year contract extension. Terms were not disclosed.

Flint, who just completed his 11th season at Drexel, led the Dragons to a 29-7 mark this past season — including a stretch of 19 straight victories — and a trip to the NIT. He was named Colonial Athletic Association Coach of the Year after finishing 16-2 in conference play. It was the fourth time he won the award, which tied a CAA record.

"Bruiser has done an outstanding job of making Drexel one of the top programs in the CAA over the last 11 years," Drexel athletic director Eric Zillmer said. "We look forward to him continuing to lead the Dragons in the years to come." METRO

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▶ Galvis will take Chase Utley's spot at second base.

Future is now for Galvis

◗ Top prospect expected to open 2012 season at second base ◗ Defensive stalwart trying to improve offense ◗ Venezuelan with 12 RBIs this spring

When the Phillies re-signed Jimmy Rollins to a three-year deal, it appeared Freddy Galvis' ticket was punched for Allentown for another year of Triple-A seasoning.

"It's alright," Galvis said. "The team has to do what it thinks is best and the thing is that I'm still young. Someday I'll get my chance."

The 22-year-old may get his chance sooner than later thanks to Chase Utley's knee problems. Utley will not be ready for Opening Day and it's uncertain when Utley will rejoin his team.

.274
Average for Galvis this spring in 62 at-bats. He was 1-for-3 yesterday in a 6-0 loss to Boston.

Galvis is the front-runner to play second, especially after utility man Michael Martinez broke a bone in his right foot.

Galvis has never played second base, but he has shown big-league ability at shortstop.

"He has a great glove," Rollins said. "All you have to do is watch him in the field."

Galvis made a number of exceptional plays at short against the Yankees in the first week of spring training.

"I've always worked hard on my defense," Galvis said. "I've always taken pride in it."

Defense has never been much of an issue for Galvis. However, there have been questions about his bat. The Venezuelan, who grew up playing bare-handed baseball, has been a lightweight at the plate in the minors.

Galvis hit .203 at Williamsport and .197 at Reading. But he did hit .298 in Triple-A last season.

"I've worked very hard on improving offensively," Galvis said. "I know that part of my game has to get better to get to where I need to be."

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